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FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 191

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FOR: O/FBO & ARA/MGT

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: INSTALLATION EMERGENCY GENERATOR- DCM RESIDENCE

1. EMBASSY PRESENTLY HAS AVAILABLE ONAN DIESEL GENERATOR, CAPACITY 15 KW FOR INSTALLATION SOONEST IN DCM RESIDENCE. PRIMARY PURPOSE OF INSTALLATION IS TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY POWER IN EVENT NATURAL DISASTER OR OTHER EMERGENCY IN WHICH WE MIGHT USE DCM RESIDENCE AS ALTERNATE SITE FOR CHANCERY. SUBJECT WAS INFORMALLY DISCUSSED WITH JOHN GRYZBEK OF FBO DURING LAST VISIT SAN JOSE. HE AWARE OF IMPORTANCE EMERGENCY POWER SOURCE IN EVENT ESCAZU BRIDGE DESTROYED OR BLOCKED NEGATING POSSIBLE USE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AS ALTERNATE SITE.

2. COST ESTIMATES, WHICH ARE BEING POUCHED TO WASHINGTON, INDICATE FOLLOWING:

A. INSTALLATION OF GENERATOR IN LOWER GARDEN AREA, NECESSARY REWIRING OF EXISTING NUMEROUS CIRCUIT BREAKER BOXES TO PROTECT GENERATOR WHENIT IS OPERATING SO THAT OUTPUT WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY LIMITED TO LIGHTS, WATER PUMP, AND SERVICE AREA OF HOUSE. \$1800.

B. INSTALLATION OF GENERATOR IN GARAGE OR OUTSIDE OF KITCHEN, CONNECTING OF SAME TO MAIN CIRCUIT BREAKER BOARD--, NO REWIRING OF OTHER CIRCUIT BREAKER BOXES INSIDE HOUSE. (OCCUPANTS WOULD BE INSTRUCTED NOT TO UTILIZE STOVES, AIR CONDITIONING, HEAVY APPLIANCES ETC. WHEN GENERATOR IS OPERATING). \$875.

C. CONSTRUCTION OF SIMPLE SHED FOR GENERATOR AT EITHER
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LOCATION APPROXIMATELY \$200-300.

3. ALTERNATIVE "A" WILL REQUIRE 30-45 DAYS FOR COMPLETION OF WORK. ALTERNATIVE "B" APPROXIMATELY 10-20 DAYS. ALTERNATIVE A IS PREFERRED BY EMBASSY AS IT APPEARS OFFER BEST PROTECTION FOR GENERATOR AND WOULD BE MOST CONVENIENT (E.E. QUIET) FOR OCCUPANTS. RECOGNIZING FUND LIMITATIONS WE WILLING ACCEPT ALTERNATIVE "B", IF THIS ALTERNATE APPROVED BY FBO. INTERMEDIATE SOLUTION WOULD BE COMBINATION OF ALTERNATIVES A & B, LOCATING GENERATOR NEAR HOUSE AND REWIRING CIRCUIT BREAKER BOXES.COST ESTIMATES WILL BE SUPPLIED IF NEEDED.

4. EMBASSY OF OPINION THAT IN EVENT OF NATURAL DISASTER AVAILABILITY OF AMB RESIDENCE AS ALTERNATE CHANCERY IS AT BEST A CHANCY SITUATION AND CONSIDERS INSTALLATION OF AVAILABLE GENERATOR AT DCM RESIDENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF PRIME IMPORTANCE. REQUEST APPROVAL AND FUNDING THIS PROJECT.

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